

## ISLAND KEEPER INTERNS (Education and Visitor Services) at Stewart B. McKinney NWR

Location: Long Island Sound, CT

Duration: May 23<sup>rd</sup>-August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016

Job Type: Internship

**Job Description:** The Stewart B. McKinney National Wildlife Refuge is seeking enthusiastic individuals to spend their summer on an island in beautiful coastal Connecticut while gaining valuable, well-rounded experience working in the natural resource field. Duties include but are not limited to: interacting with the public by conducting natural and cultural history tours, leading educational programs for youth and camp groups, assisting with island maintenance projects, invasive plant management, wildlife and vegetation surveys, etc.

**Details:** Internships will begin on May 23<sup>rd</sup> and continue until mid-August (approximate end date is the 19<sup>th</sup>). Schedules will be around 40 hours per week, but will vary frequently in the length of day and start time. Interns will live on islands with other staff in rustic field camp settings. Rustic field camps have no running water or electricity and outhouses. Water and gas for a generator have to be brought out to the island. Showers, food shopping, and laundry must be done on the mainland. Housing may be provided in Westbrook, CT on days off. A small living allowance of \$190.00/week will also be provided.

**Qualifications:** Applicants must have the ability to perform the physical duties of the position including being able to work in all kinds of weather, over different types of terrain, in areas with poison ivy, and with ticks and other biting insects. Applicants must be able to work with minimal supervision, be very independent and easy-going, be able to work with the public of all ages in a professional manner, have their own vehicle, and possess a valid U. S. driver's license. Previous experience with environmental education, wildlife identification and work in a field camp setting is preferred.

**To Apply:** Send a cover letter, resume, and contact information for at least 3 references (must include email and phone number) by February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016 via email to: [Shaun\\_Roche@fws.gov](mailto:Shaun_Roche@fws.gov). Please do not send applications by mail.